The Government has, from time to time, impressed upon MCD, NDMC, DDA etc. to take strict action against unauthorized constructions.

Allotment for Andhra Pradesh

2871. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government *vide* communication dt. 24.1.2005 to increase the allocation to the State under National Slum Development Programme and requested for release of an additional amount of Rs. 50 crores in addition to existing allotment of Rs. 32.77 crores;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After examining the request, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh was informed that the outlays under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) are allocated in full to the States at the beginning of the financial year by the Planning Commission. Hence, allocation of the additional funds during the fiancial year may be difficult. The State Government was also informed about the enhanced allocations for 2004-05 from Rs. 32.77 crore to Rs. 65.81 crore under NSDP and release of entire enhanced allocated fund of Rs. 65.81 crore.

(c) Does not arise.

Removal of encroachments

2872. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 4939 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 2005 and state:

(a) the reasons for not clearing the encroachments by the concerned authorities *i.e.* CPWD/NDMC and Delhi Police till date;

(b) whether it is a fact that encroachments in Type-II & III quarters (Phase-I & II), B.K.S. Marg, New Delhi has been left out due to manipulations by JE/AE, CPWD and the same is causing health hazards and security threat to the allottees;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when all the encroachments are likely to be removed and the action taken against the officials responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The policy for removal of unauthorized constructions within the Government residential accommodation has been revised since the last question in the Rajya Sabha on the subject. Now, action on removal of unauthorized encroachment can be taken by CPWD officer without waiting for Director of Estates to cancel allotment or evict the allottee. The field units of CPWD have been informed by Director General (Works) in November, 2005 about the new policy and directed to take action.

Delhi Police provides adequate force/protection for maintaining law and order during removal of illegal encroachments whenever demanded by concerned authorities.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Removal of encroachments is an on-going process. Officers failing to carry out the removal of encroachments under the revised policy will be liable for departmental action for dereliction of duty.

Downsizing of staff in Delhi Metro

2873. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation would soon cut down the number of operational staff employed at the station and on the route:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the DMRC has decided to run the Delhi Metro at par with the standards of other developed metros of the world; and